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National Park Service Seeks Providers for Gift Shop Services on the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park

Grand Canyon, Ariz.—Intermountain Regional Director Mike Snyder today announced the availability of a prospectus that invites a proposal for a concession contract to provide gift shop services on the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park. The prospectus explains the business opportunity and the terms and conditions under which the National Park Service will award this contract.

This prospectus is issued under the authority of the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998, 16 U.S.C. §5951-5966, 112 Stat. 3503, Public Law 105-391, as implemented by Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 51.

The prospectus invites proposals for a single contract that represents an opportunity for operation of a historic store, known as Verkamp's, Inc., on the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park. The concessioner will be required to provide the operation of a gift shop, including sales of:

- American Indian handicrafts
- Souvenirs and curios
- Thematic apparel
- Photographic supplies
- Postcards, photographs, paintings, prints, and reproductions
- Thematic books, periodicals, and publications
- Limited convenience items

The contract will be issued for a term of 10 years, with an anticipated beginning date of January 1, 2009 and expiration date of December 31, 2018.

The new concessioner will be required to pay the federal government a franchise fee that will be calculated based on gross receipts. Franchise fees are used by the National Park Service for support of park facilities and operations.

The prospectus was issued with a 90-day response period with offers due to the Intermountain Regional Office at P.O. Box 25287, Denver, Colorado 80228 (or Federal Express address at

12795 West Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, Colorado 80228) by October 22, 2007. Copies of the prospectus are available by contacting Tom Williamson, Chief of Concessions, Intermountain Region, National Park Service, at the above address. There is a \$35.00 charge for each prospectus requested. Telephone inquiries can be made by calling (303) 969-2582. Prospectus packages will also be available on-line at <http://www.concessions.nps.gov/news.cfm>.

A site visit for prospective offerors to view the facilities assigned to this concession operations will be held on August 9th, 2007. To participate in the site visit and for additional information, please contact Laura Shearin, Concessions Contract Specialist, at (928) 226-0169.

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